

above target, is also making efforts to provide one telephone connection per three households and one connection per two households in rural areas by 2007 and 2010 respectively.

### **Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges**

**\*133. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of financial allocation made by Government during the current year in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN):** (a) All the exchanges working in the Telecom Network of the country are already converted to electronic exchanges.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

### **Facilities for BPL people in cities**

**†\*134. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:**  
**SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:**

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of people living below poverty line in small, big and metropolitan cities of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the living standard of these poor people as well as to provide jobs and the facility of housing to them; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.